

MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
October 23, 2000
MAG Offices
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Mayor Skip Rimsza, Phoenix, Chairman
Mayor John Keegan, Peoria, Vice Chairman
Mayor Jay Tibshraeny, Chandler

Mayor Cynthia Dunham, Gilbert
Mayor Bill Arnold, Goodyear

* Not present

1. Call to Order

The Executive Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Skip Rimsza at 12:08 p.m. Chairman Rimsza stated that because he needed to leave the meeting to attend the ceremony for the opening of the new Federal courthouse, agenda item #7 would be considered first.

7. Executive Director Evaluation

This agenda item was taken out of order.

To evaluate the Executive Director for the 2001 calendar year, an action plan has been prepared. The Executive Committee may vote to recess the meeting and go into executive session to discuss personnel matters relating to the MAG Executive Director evaluation. The meeting may then be reconvened to make recommendations regarding the evaluation. The authority for such an executive session is A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(1).

Mayor John Keegan moved to recess the Executive Committee meeting to conduct an executive session and to reconvene the meeting for possible action on matters relating to the evaluation of the MAG Executive Director. Mayor Bill Arnold seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

The Executive Committee meeting reconvened at 12:40 p.m.

6. Local Government Action Plan to Encourage the Use of Alternative Fuel Rather Than Gasoline in Dual Fuel Vehicles

This agenda item was taken out of order.

Chairman Rimsza requested that staff collect data relative to alternative fueled vehicles, including number, location and fuel type of refueling stations, number and fuel type of home refueling stations, number and fuel type for cars sold, and their location by zip code. He indicated that the objective is to maximize the benefits of alternative fuel vehicles. Mayor Tibshraeny asked for clarification of working with the Legislature. Chairman Rimsza replied that staff would work with the Legislature to get the data. He stated that funding could be requested from the Legislature. Mayor Keegan noted that study could lead to a more successful program.

Mayor Dunham asked for clarification of involvement of the Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee. Chairman Rimsza stated that the first step would be to compile the data, prior to committee involvement. He asked Mr. Bourey to confirm whether direction could be given at the Executive Committee level or would need to be approved by the Regional Council. Mr. Bourey replied that this could be accomplished at the Executive Committee level.

Mayor Keegan moved that staff proceed with collecting data relative to alternative fuel vehicles. Mayor Arnold seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Rimsza turned the gavel over to Vice Chairman Keegan and left the meeting to attend the opening of the new Federal Courthouse ceremony.

2. Approval of September 12, 2000 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Acting Chairman Keegan asked if there were any changes to the minutes. Hearing no requests, he asked for a motion to approve.

Mayor Tibshraeny moved, Mayor Dunham seconded, and it was unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2000 Executive Committee meeting, as written.

3. Regional Collaborations of Business, Education and Governmental Interests

Mayor Dunham clarified her comments on opposition to Option #1 made at the September Executive Committee meeting. She indicated that her opposition was to the addition of voting members. However, she is not opposed to receiving input and hearing other points of view. Mayor Tibshraeny stated his agreement with Mayor Dunham's comments.

Mr. Bourey stated that full discussion could continue when Chairman Rimsza was present. He indicated that this could be a topic of discussion at the Regional Council retreat. Chairman Keegan noted that a full discussion by all members is important. Mr. Bourey stated that this item was on the Executive Committee agenda to get a sense of the Committee's position before discussion by the full Council. Mayor Tibshraeny commented that addition of voting members would require an amendment to the bylaws.

Mr. Bourey stated that input could be received at an annual gathering or congress. Mayor Arnold asked for clarification of representatives from other interests. Mr. Bourey explained that other interests could include CEOs of major companies, superintendents of schools and members of school boards. Mr. Bourey stated that various Chambers have expressed interest in familiarizing themselves with the MAG processes. Mayor Dunham commented that this could be an excellent topic of discussion at the Regional Council retreat.

Acting Chairman Keegan noted that action would be deferred on this agenda item. Mr. Bourey stated that he would inform Mr. Harrell, Chair of the Management Committee, of the Executive Committee's suggested topics. Mr. Bourey commented that the Management Committee's retreat discussion topics generally mirror those topics at the Regional Council retreat. He indicated a few topics for discussion could include 1) Governance, including the private sector and the Governor's Transportation Vision 21 Task Force; 2) Followup on the 1999 Retreat; 3) Transportation funding, including input received from the October 25, 2000 joint MAG/PAG meeting; and 4) Growth Management Initiatives. Mr. Bourey noted that a grant has been received to gather data that will be helpful to cities in decision making.

Mayor Tibshraeny asked for a time frame for completion of the Task Force's recommendations. Mr. Bourey replied that April was the anticipated date for their recommendations. Mr. Bourey noted that Alan Maguire will provide a report on the Task Force at the joint MAG/PAG meeting on October 25th.

Mayor Tibshraeny commented that keeping down the number of topics discussed at the retreat would be beneficial. He indicated that transportation would be one good topic.

Mayor Dunham suggested improving communications among MAG staff and member agencies as a discussion topic.

Acting Chairman Keegan suggested that, due to the date of the retreat, anticipated legislative priorities could be discussed. He commented that the State could potentially request money from the cities because of the alternative fuel vehicle cost. Mayor Dunham asked whether the data being collected by staff on alternative fuel vehicles would be complete in time for the retreat. Mr. Bourey replied that he was unsure whether the data collection would be complete, but some of the data could be available. Mr. Bourey noted that retreat discussion topics generally center on issues that do not require immediate resolution. Acting Chairman Keegan stated that, because of the timing, the retreat would be a good opportunity to discuss alternative fuel vehicles cost. The League of Arizona Cities and Towns conference in September would be too late. Mayor Dunham stated that having the report available for review prior to the retreat would be helpful to discussion.

4. Update on Transportation Funding Estimate

Mr. Bourey stated that four meetings of the Resource Allocation Advisory Committee (RAAC) have been held. Mr. Bourey gave a recap of the allocation process. Mr. Bourey stated that the region received 10.9 percent the first year. He indicated that through a series of negotiations, the region was successful in receiving approximately an additional \$500 million, which brought the region's share to 24 percent.

Mr. Bourey stated that after the Casa Grande Resolves process, the amount received for the five year program increased the region's share to 28 percent, with the agreement that any additional revenues received would be allocated to the MAG and PAG regions to come closer to their fair shares. Mr. Bourey noted that additional revenue of \$110 million was received, which was allocated without consultation of the RAAC. He indicated that the \$110 million was allocated statewide and some was allocated to the MAG region. The Revenue Aligned Budget Authority will bring an additional \$60 million to the State existing year. Mr. Bourey stated that the MAG region will receive an additional \$45 million for the next five years, which brings the region's share to 30 percent. Mr. Bourey informed members that distribution of additional funds for next year was agreed to at the RAAC meeting held that morning, which will bring MAG's share for that year to 42.9 percent and PAG's share will be 13.7 percent. The additional funds will bring MAG's percentage for 2002-2006 to 32.5 percent. Mr. Bourey noted that all were committed to this distribution of funds.

Acting Chairman Keegan informed members about a Task Force being formed by GPEC. This formation resulted from a conference in Washington, DC. One topic of discussion was dollar back for dollar spent. Acting Chairman Keegan stated that other states, such as West Virginia and Massachusetts, have projects programmed in TEA-21 and fall out of the funding formula. He indicated that they receive more funding because their delegates express that they want their projects funded. Acting Chairman Keegan stated that more on this issue could be expected from GPEC.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary